

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of verification of review of a provided information by an information consumer comprising:

providing to the information consumer said information in text having a plurality of signifiers inserted therein, the signifiers being an orthographic appearance of a word apart from the meaning of the word;

providing to the information consumer a signifier use instruction;

receiving an indication from the information consumer; and

determining whether the indication received from the information consumer demonstrates sufficient knowledge of said signifiers in accordance with said signifier use instruction to provide an incentive to said information consumer;

providing the incentive to said information consumer only if the indication has been determined to demonstrate the sufficient knowledge.

2-148 (CANCELED).

149. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, wherein said signifier use instruction comprises a conversion code for conversion of said signifiers to another type of information.

150. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 149, wherein said another type of information comprises contact information for claiming the incentive. .

151. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of verifying review of information provided in text form on a topic by an information consumer, comprising:

providing said text form information having a plurality of text form signifiers inserted therein typeset consistently with the text form information, and text form instructions identifying the signifiers, wherein the instructions pertain to extracting information independent of a meaning of the text form information in which the text form signifiers are inserted , ~~said text form signifiers not pertaining to information on the topic;~~

receiving an indication from the information consumer; and

verifying the information consumer's review of the text form information by determining, based on the indication received from the information consumer, whether sufficient knowledge of the text form signifiers has been demonstrated by the

information consumer, wherein the sufficient knowledge includes knowledge of signifiers in plural separated locations in the text form information.

152. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 151, wherein the text form information has instructions for indicating knowledge of the signifier.

153. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 151, wherein the text form information comprises instructional material relating to a product or service, and further comprising the step of, ~~after said step of verification~~, if sufficient knowledge of the text form signifiers has been demonstrated, making available to the information customer support associated with the product or service in a first manner, wherein, ~~if sufficient knowledge of the text form signifiers is not demonstrated~~, the customer support associated with the product or service is made available in a second manner without demonstration of the text form signifiers.

154. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 153, wherein the first manner is at a lower cost to the information consumer than the second manner.

155. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 153, wherein the step of making available to the information customer support associated with the product or service in a first manner comprises disclosing a toll-free customer support number.

156. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 151, wherein the text form information comprises medical instructions, and access to medication is provided responsive to verification of sufficient knowledge of the text form signifiers.

157. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 151, wherein the step of verification comprises customer use of information embedded in the text form signifiers.

158. (WITHDRAWN) A method of verification of acquisition of each one of a group of non-unitary products, comprising the steps of:

providing each of said products in the group with a signifier;

providing at least one of the products in the group with a signifier use instruction;

and

verifying acquisition by comparing a received indication with an expected indication of the signifier provided on each of said products in accordance with the signifier use instruction.

159. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 158, wherein the group of non-unitary products comprises a set of tools.

160. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 158, wherein the signifier use instruction comprises an identification of signifiers.

161. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 158, wherein the signifier use instruction comprises instructions as to signifier positioning.
162. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 158, wherein the signifier use instruction comprises instructions as to signifier characteristics.
163. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 151, wherein the signifiers are located throughout the text form information, and the text form information comprises an instruction manual.
164. (NEW) The method of claim 151, further comprising providing an article for recording signifiers, the article having a substrate having multiple layers having printed information thereon, the signifiers enabling the information consumer to engage in the removal, application and/or repositioning of elements on the article, to reveal information.
165. (NEW) The method of claim 164, wherein the text form information comprises instructional material relating to a product or service, and the revealed information is a toll-free customer support telephone number.